

# Detroit / River Rouge Oil Spill Unified Command News Release

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## **River Rouge will not re-open at noon** Jefferson Street bridge is re-opened

DETROIT—The River Rouge will not re-open to ship and boat traffic Thursday, said Cmdr. Patrick Gerrity, Captain of the Port of Detroit and Incident Commander for this spill response.

“We want to make sure the contained oil on the River Rouge does not get into the Detroit River and re-contaminate it,” Gerrity said. “Unfortunately, we are finding more oil every day.

He said the decision was made reluctantly, but is based on recommendations from Coast Guard technical advisors and the response contractors at the site.

“We will be reassess the situation at the end of the day,” Gerrity said.

The Jefferson Street bridge reopened early this morning. However, oil-removal is continuing, Gerrity said, and drivers should use caution in the area.

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